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FONOFF HAS RECEIVED US STATEMENT OF POSITION ON CONTINGENCY
PLANS FROM UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN SENSE REFTEL.

IMMEDIATE FONOFF WORKING LEVEL REACTION SEEMS TO BE ONE
OF RELIEF AT CLEAR FIRM US LEAD. SINCE MESSAGE HAS ONLY
JUST BEEN RECEIVED IT WOULD PERHAPS BE PREMATURE TO INTERPRET
THIS AS NECESSARILY MEANING ACCEPTANCE OF US POSITION AND,
OF COURSE, WORKING LEVEL REACTION NOT NECESSARILY SAME AS
MINISTERIAL. FONOFF OFFICIALS INQUIRED ABOUT MEANING IN
PARAGRAPH D OF "USE LIMITED MILITARY FORCES" AND DEPT.
OFFICERS WILL PRESUMABLY BE QUESTIONED CLOSELY IN PARIS AS TO
PRECISELY WHAT ACTION THIS CONTEMPLATES.

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